



## RICHARD A. CAPUANO '71

Richard is a life-long member of the Epiphany Parish along with his wife, Alva. His parents, Ann-Marie (“Mrs. C”) and Pasquale, are first generation graduates of The Epiphany School. Rich is a second-generation graduate of Epiphany, along with his brother, James, and sisters, Laura Schmidt and Rosanne Sardo. His children, Patricia Crisafulli and Tim Capuano, are third generation graduates of the school, along with Rich’s niece, Julianna, and Nephews, Nicholas, Danny and Brandon Capuano, children of Jimmy and Dana Capuano.

Rich graduated from The Epiphany School in June of 1971, playing the pipe organ for his classmates in the then newly rebuilt Epiphany Church. He attended La Salle Academy on Second Street from which he graduated in 1975. In the mid seventies, Rich started his professional career as a Systems Analyst at the United States Court of International Trade. His duties included writing computer code and training members of the Clerk’s Office on the conversion of paper dockets to a computer based system. After five years, Rich moved across the street to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, where he took a position as an Information Systems Manager. There, Rich performed much the same duties as before, as well as training in special programs for the Clerk, Chief Deputy Clerk, Circuit Executive and the Chief Judge.

Thirty-five years ago, Richard accepted an appointment by then Mayor, Ed Koch, to serve as a New York City Marshal, a position he is still very active in today. Rich has been involved with the scouting program at Epiphany for over 40 years, first as a scout, then 33 years as scoutmaster of Troop 422. Rich is an Eagle Scout, class of 1973, and has dedicated much of his life to serving others. He is an active EMT and EMT senior instructor for Suffolk County, and has been instructing for the last quarter of a century. He filled similar roles when he owned a vacation home in Pennsylvania, where he also served as a Firefighter and EMT for 10 years. He has won many awards as a Scouter and as an EMT. Rich recently completed three years as the Chief of Department at the Hampton Bays Volunteer Ambulance Corps. He is a member of the Vera Cruz Council, Knights of Columbus. Rich served as the Parish Council vice-chair and then Chairperson for four years. He still greatly enjoys performing solo and with a band.

Many parishioners and families know Rich as the pianist at the school plays with Sr. Rebecca Tayag, SSND and the performer behind many parish get-togethers for more than forty years. Rich has brought talented musicians to play during classic plays for both the children and in adult ensembles. He will never forget the encouragement by his family and friends and the man who encouraged him to perform in public one evening, Mr. Dennis McHugh, a mentor and friend whose kindness will never be forgotten. To Jimmy: “In the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make!”